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In re Application of :  
Ronald J. Petitis, et al. :  
Application No.: 10/028,988 :  
Filed: December 28, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 500752999021 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 29, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

*Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on October 15, 2008, cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>*

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3863 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.